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SUBJECT: HOUSING PROJECT: AMERICAN HOUSING INTERNATIONAL
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1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION HAS BEEN OBTAINED BY HUD FROM
ROBERT BREZINA, CHAIRMAN AND PRESIDENT OF BREZINA CON-
STRUCTION COMPANY OF RAPID CITY:

A) AHI WAS FORMED RECENTLY SPECIFICALLY FOR PURPOSE OF
BIDDING ON GENDARMERIE PROJECT. COMPANY CONSISTS OF CON-
SORTIUM OF A DESIGN ENGINEERING FIRM, A PRESTRESSED CON-
CRETE CONSTRUCTION FIRM AND BREZINA CONSTRUCTION WHICH WILL
PROVIDE COORDINATION AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT ON PROJECT.

B) HENRY MORRIS, AHI PRESIDENT, IS BROTHER OF JOEL MORRIS,
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PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN FARM PRODUCTS (AFP) WHICH WAS FORMED
BY JOEL IN 1976 TO SHIP CATTLE TO IRAN AND OTHER COUNTRIES.
JOEL IS A RANCHER WHO ALSO OWNS HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCE BUSINESS
IN RAPID CITY. HENRY IS VICE PRESIDENT OF AFP. APPARENTLY
SATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE OF AFP IN CATTLE BUSINESS LED TO
INVITATION BY GENDARMERIE FOR COMPANY TO BID ON HOUSING PRO-
JECT, WHICH IN TURN LED TO FORMATION OF AHI. HENRY HAS BACK-

GROUND IN ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND IS THUS ABLE TO SERVE IN TECHNICAL SALES ENGINEERING CAPACITY.

C) BREZINA CONSTRUCTION WAS FOUNDED IN LATE 1940S AND HAS DONE HOUSING PROJECTS FOR U.S. AIR FORCE AND ARMY AND WAS RECENTLY SUB-CONTRACTOR ON HUD HOUSING PROJECT IN CHEYENNE. BREZINA ALSO HAS HAD CONSIDERABLE INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE AS SINGLE CONTRACTOR AND IN CONSORTIA ARRANGEMENTS ON SUCH PROJECTS AS CONSTRUCTION OF AMERICAN EMBASSY IN NIGER, JFKENNEDY BRIDGE ACROSS NIGER RIVER AND CALABOR-IKON ROAD IN NIGERIA. (JOHN DAVIES OF HUD OFFICE IN RAPID CITY KNOWS BREZINA PERSONALLY AND CONFIRMS THAT COMPANY HAS GOOD REPUTATION.)

2. HUD COMMENT: ROBERT BREZINA, BOTH PERSONALLY AND THROUGH HIS COMPANY, WILL PLAY A KEY ROLE IN PROJECT IF AHI GETS CONTRACT. HE IS FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT OF RANCHERS BANK OF WINNER AND PERPETUAL SAVINGS AND LOAN OF RAPID CITY. THESE ARE RELATIVELY SMALL BUT SUCCESSFUL BANKS. RANCHERS HANDLED FINANCING ON AFP CATTLE TRANSACTIONS USING BANK OF AMERICA AND FIRST NATIONAL OF CHICAGO AS THEIR INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENTS FOR LETTERS OF CREDIT. BASED ON OUR DISCUSSION WITH BREZINA AND HIS RECORD AS A BUSINESSMAN, WE BELIEVE HE HAS THE TECHNICAL COMPETENCE AND INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE TO HANDLE THE GENDARMERIE PROJECT AND WILL ONLY UNDERTAKE PROJECTS WHICH GROUP CAN HANDLE FINANCIALLY. BREZINA PLANS TO BE IN TEHRAN MARCH 23 AND CAN GIVE FURTHER DETAILS.
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